Report for 1906 Mrs. Bak.

Riverside Ladies Aid and
Missionary Society

Time of meeting—second thursday of each month.

Dues per month		10 cents
Membership at beginning	8 year—	14
Members enrolled during	"	9
" withdrawn	" "	6
Total membership		17

Receipts

Cash on hand Janiy 1st 1906	$9.22
Received from dues	13.51
" " Oyster supper	6.60
Total assetts	$29.33

Disbursments

Sunday School work	$5.00
Missionary books + etc	1.31
For Aid	7.10

(over)

Xmas box to Bethel Settlement	$2.89
Total disbursements	16.30
Balance cash on hand	$13.05

Jan. 17
1907

Mrs. Inez Brisdonne Sec'y
Winnebago, Minn.

MEETING OF SYNODICAL COMMITTEES, MINNEAPOLIS?MINN

It was first spoken of the custom being to have the Vice President of the Committee at the place where the meeting is held to have charge of this meeting. A motion is made that Mrs Pomeroy take the chair, carried.. Miss Patterson was nominated as Secretary. Mrs Pomeroy then inquired what was the first business of the hour. Mrs Haines then said the principal busineds before this meeting was the election of the officers of the Woman's Executive Committee, ~~made~~ by the members of various Synodical Committees who may be present, and therefore I move that we enter into that for the first matter of business, and that there be a nominating committee appointed by the chair who can retire and talk over the matter. I would speak for myself as well as for others. There is a sort of necessity that your principal officers shall live either in or near the city of New York. I am sorry that we cannot propose that you should be each one of you, one of the principal secretaries, ~~from~~ some of these ladies who have proved so efficient. As I have been around in the different parts of the country I have been wonderfully filled with gratitude to God for raising up women of such power, [illegible] meetings of the Ex.Com. where they can have conference with the Board of Home Missions, not only with the Secretaries of the Board, but with the members of the Board itself, and therefore you are a little bit limited about some of your nominations. You have a right to turn us all out, but you will have to take some of us who live near New York for the every day business. We are so glad to have all the different parts of the world represented by the Vice Presidents, who will be ready to welcome us everywhere as our dear Mrs Pomeroy has done here, and is now called to preside at this meeting..

Mrs Pomeroy: We who live a little way from you in New York feel so closely united to you and all the officers, that we are delighted to know that we are in close sympathy with you. We do not feel so far away, and we are so greatly honored in being helpers at a distance, we can ask no greater than that we can have

MRS -------- We greatly appreciate the need of our officers being located in New York City; we appreciate the work that has been done by those who have served us in the past, and I am sure we feel and see no reason why we should make changes. I do not know that Mrs James has been formerly made our President. I think she has only been one in succession for the last few months, so I take the privilege of nominating Mrs James as President for the coming year. It was moved and seconded that the nominating Committee be appointed, who shall adjourn and present the name of the officers of the Ex.Com. The chair nominated Mrs Boynton of Iowa, Mrs Britt of Pa. Mrs Ringland of Minn. Mrs Lewis of Ill. Miss Patterson of Ohio; Mrs Mairs of New York; Mrs Knight of Mo; Mrs Mc Nulty of N.J. Mrs Lloyd of Dakota. Mrs Langdon asked to take Miss Pattersons place of Sec. while she is out on the committee.

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Mrs Pomeroy then asked the pleasure of the meeting while the nominating committee were out. Mrs Haines : I think we would be very glad to hear from the workers in the different parts of the country, regarding obstacles in the way, and encouragements and better methods of work, and anything they have to bring before us for free discussion.. Mrs Pomeroy suggests that the officers who have seen the fields, would speak of them, as they would be of great help to the ladies. Mrs Kendall of La Porte, Ind. then asked; if where a Presbytery or a number of churches are supporting a Missionary, teacher raising her salary and are interested in her, and she writes to them for extras, and they raise this extra money or box

of Christmas presents, instead of that they have pledged on their salary, what are they to do about it. Mrs Walker thought first we should regard a pledge that we had made our first object, that must be redeemed, and after it is presented to us nothing ever should be allowed to interfere with that. In the second place, the workers should bear in mind, that the teachers should let us know in the office in New York what is wanted, and correspond with us for the various needs on the field, and see if we have provided these things elsewhere. Sometimes our teachers never make such wants known in New York but write to friends here and there, and sometimes we learn of these same wants either through our Synodical Superintendent or some one else. We have a list of such wants and then when societies apply, (or officers) to me, I can can give out these various matters stating the need and the amount of money required, and that helps to simplify the matter on all sides. For instance in the matter of boxes, we ~~find~~ found one case in N.Y.City. The wants ought to come to me from the field that such and such things are wanted at Christmas time, and I spoke to a society on this subject, and they took it up very readily when the notice was given; then the officers from another society said to me that they had supplied this want, and they had never notified me that they had received word that it was needed, or that they had supplied the want, it was met from two sourdes and other teachers had to go without. It is thought best that the societies apply to the Committee, and the teachers apply also through the committee. It would be very hard to tell the teachers they must not state their needs, because that interests societies, but when societies learn this, if they would send word to us it would help the matter very much.

MRS LYON. The teachers have so little time to write letters, and they must write to Presbyterial societies that support them, and

it is very natural to them too express their wants. I urged them to make known their wants, as they are very timid. I think if a want comes to the Board in New York, they will just refer it to the society that supports them, and ask them first if they can fill that want, as they may have already received word from the teacher, it would be well, as it brings the teacher in closer interest when the society supporting these teachers can supply all their wansts.
MRS WALKER We aim to do that, but sometimes they prefer to do this in another field. Then again about one half of our teachers are still unsupported, and we have no Presbyterial societies to apply to in such cases. Out of five cases three had been supplied elsewhere.
The box question was discussed quite freely.

The question was then asked; suppose money is send to you for a special object, and you have already the funds for that object, have you not the discretion to apply that to some where else.
Answer We always apply to the society sending it to know what they wish to do with it.

Contributions to the General Fund then spoken of
Mrs Walker then explains the box system stating emphatically the fact the the value of the boxes is not deducted from the salary of a Home Missionary. Mrs Mairs asked if when a minister could not be given a box, could it not be turned to the school work. ~~when societies are not able to do it~~ .
Mrs Knox here said a word. The Ex.Com are altogether too modest &c.
Mrs Williams of Abbeville then asked if contributions sent by societies in her Synod were applied to the Freedmen's fund, or to the General Fund, as they wish it to go to the Freedmen's cause.
Answer. All contributions unless designated for what object they are given, are put in the General fund, and it is always better to state very plainly the object, as then there will be no mistake

Mrs Williams wished to say that the societies in her Synod were making progress. We were organized in 1884, and we only had at our last meeting 20 local societies, now we have over 50 missionary societies and three Presbyterial Societies, and we hope by the time another Annual meeting comes round that we can report greater progress. We are doing missionary work right on our own field, doing more general work among ourselves, visiting the poor homes and making up garments, and distributing tracts, and praying with each other, and reading the Bible, and we think that is greater progress than giving the money.

MRS WALKER then spoke more fully upon the contributing to the general fund, as there was great need of this fund; as very often sudden bills for work will come in, and we cannot pay the money for this unless we have it. Sometimes we are allowed to do certain work if we can collect the money first, and if we have not the money we have to wait and the work suffer. Setting forth the fact that the Ex.Com. desire that every society should contribute to this fund, explaining that about half of the teachers are paid from it ~~this fund.~~ Mrs Pomeroy thought that every one of the Synods should pledge to give more to the General Fund. Mrs Haines then explained that some of our best workers could not write a good letter, and every society desires to get a good letter from these that they support, therefore it is necessary to have good contributions to the general fund. Mrs Pomeroy: When we are doing it for His sake we shall not want letters.

MRS JAMES: In justice to the Ex.Com. and in the interests of the work which should be done in the very best way, I think complaints from the field should be sent immediately to the Ex.Com., (and the work of the Wpmans Ex Com. of course covers the entire Pres. Church) but unless at 280 Broadway they know these complaints, they cannot remedy them, and they do not know thoroughly about the work.

The question was then asked if the EX. Com. would rather have boxes than money. Mrs Langdon then spoke on the box question, stating that societies would state explicitly what kind of a family they would like to work for, the Ex. Com. would respond as near to it as possible. Sometime the minister has to wait for a long while, the societies being very dilatory, and some friend asks him if he needs a box, and tired of waiting the minister accepts one, and after a while the dilatory society accepts the box blank, and thus he gets two boxes, and perhaps others will have to go without. ~~I speak of the box was~~ Societies have not come to that point yet where they will all give of their money for the general fund, and these boxes do make friends for the Board. The minister always read interesting letters from the pulpit. Mrs Langdon emphasises the fact of sending good boxes when they send them. Mrs Roberts spoke of a box that had been sent and valued by the society at $300, and the family receiving it had to pay freight amounting to $18, and the real value to the family was just $10. One very important thing was then spoken of, and that was, that it would be well for the Board ~~would~~ to instruct the Synodical Missionaries to report to them or to the officers of the society, and not indiscriminately send letters all around, and getting the societies to work in that way, and take money that would otherwise go into the Home Mission fund. The Committee agree to that.

Question: Did the Ex. Com. prefer to give the scholarship out or have the societies select them. The Com. prefer t give them out to avoid confusion. Mrs Walker then said we are trying to give them out by number rather than by name, as there are changes in the schools. We also desire to secure the salaries of the Home Missionary teachers, as the work of the schools relate to the Committee. It was then explained that it was best to take up a school in paying the salary of a teacher, rather than merely the teacher

as these teachers are frequently changed, or else go out of the work, and the societies becoming interested in the field will still stand by their field.

Mrs James: It seems to be very well to establish resolutions for an advance this year. We have never done this before, and we have never been ~~xxkkxx~~ quite certain about our income, and in this way we could know just what work we could take up during the year. and then there is also the Mrs Green memorial fund must come out from this. This monument must be gotten up, the fund of $50,000 is asked for, the Board have urged it upon us and have hoped that we might have that legacy left us. In the summer the expenses are heavy and the income light; all our other boards have funds in bank from which they can draw when their receipts are exhausted, and because we have not this fund we had to borrow money, and thus we were obliged to pay interest. It is proposed that this fund be in memory of Mrs Green, and this fund be invested for the work of the Womans Ex.Com. and we simply draw from it ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the summer, and we return the money when the receipts come in, ~~and~~ it is merely borrowing money without interest. Mrs James makes the motion that this Synodical meeting ~~that we~~ ask our societies to advance ten per cent this coming year. We need this ten per cent advance, to go on with our work. ~~and~~ It seems to me that this memorial fund should not be raised in this way. Mrs Mairs: Last year Albany Pres. Society pledged themselves for $1200 and this year for $1600. A motion is made that this be amended and made 20 per cent instead of ten per cent. Discussion followed. A number of the representatives stating that there was no doubt about their being able to raise this advance as some of them had already gone beyond that. One proposed that ~~the~~ it be made 15 per cent, and if possible they could make the 20. 20 per cent advance was carried unanimously.

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Mrs Haines then mentioned the fact that as Mrs C.E. Walker was made Secretary, it left Colo. without a member of the Committee, and Mrs T.C. Kirkwood was nominated to take the place of Vice President left vacant by Mrs Walker. Carried. Mrs C.E. Coulter the place of Mrs R. H. Allen of Pa. + Mrs Funke of Colo was made Cor. Sec. at 280 Broadway, N.Y.

Mrs Haines then wished Mrs James would go out of the room as she had something to say, ~~that~~ the Committee thought it was such a providence that when Mrs Green was taken away from us, ~~that~~ Mrs James name stood at the head of our officers, and it became her duty to act as president until this meeting. The Lord has fitted her wonderfully for just this position, and though she lives in Washington, she comes up to our meetings once or twice a month at her own expense, and will come to us at any time on receipt of telegram. She is living where she has really a great deal of influence; and we thank God for having thus provided for us, and I am so glad that the nominating committee have proposed her name as our President. Mrs Pomeroy would like to unite in thanking God for Mrs James and her efficiency. A motion is made that this report be accepted Carried. Mrs James then said: I do not congratulate the Committee on the election of the President and I certainly could not accept this election if it were not that we have looked in vain

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and I could not accept this position unless you pledge me your prayers, I feel as if I must have the prayers of every one of you, that God would give me strength and wisdom to do my duty. Mrs Pomeroy then said. We did long ago and I am sure you will have them more than ever. A motion is made that the report be adopted, carried. Mrs Lyon then spoke of having another person appointed to take the place of Mrs Ferry who had been transferred to Utah, and mentioned a Mrs David Whitney of Detroit, who is a worker in many ways, and whose husband would take a great deal of pride in her having a position of this kind; it would interest a large amount of money in our work. On finishing her remarks she said, But however if you do not think the motive a good one, I will let it drop. The Committee did not like the motive, exactly and Mrs Whitney was not acquainted with the Committee nor the Committee with her.

Mrs Mairs of Schenectady had a little message. Our hearts were made very sad by the loss of our Presbyterial treasurer, and of the husband of one of our Synodical ladies and Mrs
said give my love to all the Ex. Com. officers, and all the ladies that I know, and tell Mrs Haines not to die. And do you know what has been on my mind so much, as I have looked at her, I do hope that the dear Lord will spare her life, and that the dear Lord would spare our beloved secretary to us. A motion is made that the ladies pledge themselves to ~~pray~~ remember our President ~~e~~especially in our prayers. This to be signified all in favor by rising. Our Secretary also to be remembered. Mrs Pomeroy: It has been my custom ever since I have known Mrs Haines, to remember her in my pew Sunday morning, ~~and~~ now that I have seen you all, all will be added. How swwet it will be to add all in our prayers in our pew on Sabbath morning. It was proposed that a message ~~to~~ go out from this meeting, to enlist those not interested in our work. One lady desired suggestions as to how they can get replies from some ladies, so as to get others interested in this work. It is moved that this be put in the hands of a committee, Mrs James and Mrs Knox a committee to write up the importance of enlisting the Pres women ~~w~~who are not engaged in this work. Carried. A motion was made that all the officers be added in prayer and that prayer be offered at this time. Mrs Olliver then led in prayer followed by Mrs Mairs.